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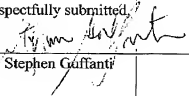
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DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.131

- 1) I am the named applicant on the above-referenced patent application.
- 2) The Office cited the book "Rocket Phonics" against the above-referenced application.
- 3) I invented the subject matter of using an ITA with clarifying phonetic symbols consisting entirely of letters of the standard alphabet. Maureen Guffanti helped me write the content of the book "Rocket Phonics," but did not invent the teaching method or the teaching materials.
- 4) I invented Rocket Phonics in December-January 2000. From February to May of 2000, parents who agreed not to disclose the process and return the materials tried the process on their children. Thus, prior to the publication date of Rocket Phonics on September 2, 2002, I was in possession of, and had reduced to practice, the idea of using an ITA with clarifying phonetic symbols consisting entirely of letters of the standard alphabet.
- 5) I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that will false statements made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. 1001 and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Respectfully submitted,

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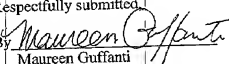
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- 1) I am one of the co-authors of the book "Rocket Phonics," published on September 2, 2002.
- 2) I helped my husband, Stephen Guffanti, format and edit the content of the book "Rocket Phonics." However, Stephen Guffanti invented the idea of using an ITA with clarifying phonetic symbols consisting entirely of letters of the standard alphabet. I was not a co-inventor of the main idea.
- 3) I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that will false statements made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. 1001 and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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